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CRITICISM HELD RESULT OF PLOT

Administration Officials Believe Mexican Officials Act in Concert.

Administration officials profess to believe that the highest officials of the Mexican government, including Gen. Carranza, are making a concerted attempt to affect the political situation in the United States. This belief is based on an extraordinary number of statements, circulating among administration and attacking administration officials, that have come to the attention of the State Department in the last twenty-four hours.

The statement was given out here Saturday by the Mexican Embassy's official news bureau, and credited to Luis Cabrera, who Cabrera disavowed yesterday, was in part substantiated yesterday by the Mexican Embassy.

Carranza Also Critical.

Almost simultaneously with these statements the State Department has received from its agents in Mexico City copies of interviews authorized by Carranza, accusing President Wilson of failure to keep faith with Mexico, and a statement by Gen. Pablo Gonzalez, published in Carranza's official organ in Mexico City, accusing Mr. Wilson of lack of frankness and of an "unclean" policy.

The Cabrera denial of the interview characterizing American border officials as "spies" is considered here as diplomatic, but sufficient to prevent this government from taking official cognizance. Ambassador-designate Arredondo made this statement concerning it yesterday.

"Speaking about the situation in general, and especially in Chihuahua, as to how Villa had been able to cause such alarm, Mr. Cabrera said, not for publication and without expectation that his remarks would be used."

"The American government could help us by increasing its vigilance to prevent ammunition from getting into the hands of Villa and by expelling from the United States a great number of Mexican refugees who are very well known as enemies of the de facto government of Mexico. This the American government could do strictly within the province of American neutrality laws."

Written Without Authority.

Mr. Arredondo declared that the above statement represented all Cabrera said. He added that the statement was written without authority, with the writer assuming to compose the statement under Cabrera's name.

Cabrera, in addition to being chairman of the Mexican section of the joint American-Mexican Commission, over whose sessions he presides alternately with Secretary Lane, is secretary of finance of Mexico. The fact that he is considered the strongest man in the Mexican cabinet added the view of officials here, to the gross impropriety of his statement.

The offense against the government, in the Cabrera-Arredondo utterances, it was said, was that Cabrera, as the representative of the Mexican government, made representations to the American press rather than to the commission or to the State Department. If a diplomat had been given the interview, it was said, as was the case in the instance of Rustem Bey, the Turkish Ambassador to this country, he would render himself persona non grata and his recall would be requested by the State Department.

SHADOW LAWN STIRRED BY MEXICAN CRITICISM

Telephone Wires to Washington Are Kept Humming.

(By the International News Service.) New York, Oct. 29.—The statements of President Wilson with inconsistencies amounting to bad faith revived the Mexican controversy here today with startling effect.

As soon as the Cabrera statement reached Shadow Lawn, telephone wires between the executive offices and Washington were made busy. Later it was announced Ambassador-designate Arredondo authorized a denial from Cabrera, who amounted almost to an apology.

An hour later there was communicated to Secretary Tumulty extracts from a magazine article which quote First Chief Carranza, Alvaro Obregon, Pablo Gonzalez and Candido Aguilar. They were strangely similar in language and substance to the charges alleged to have been made by Cabrera. A copy of the information was telegraphed to Secretary Lane and the word came from Washington that Senator Arredondo was again ready to make satisfactory denials.

PORCH ROBBERS GET \$1,000.

Irvington-on-Hudson, Oct. 29.—Another burglary was added to the list of the two weeks when the home of Charles W. Paulding, counsel to the New York Central Railroad and nephew of former United States Senator Chauncey M. Depew, was entered this evening and jewelry valued at \$1,000 stolen.

The burglars entered the house by the second-story porch and ransacked his bedroom and that of his mother on the same floor.

New Way to Kill Rats.

Cape Town, Oct. 29.—A new way to kill the rats which infest the trenches is reported by a South African officer writing from France. "We found one of our men putting a bit of cheese on a bayonet and firing a rifle every time a rat started to eat it."

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SMOKES 722,000 CIGARETTES, THEN DECIDES TO SWEAR OFF

Orange, N. J., Oct. 29.—After smoking a daily average of sixty cigarettes for thirty-three years, Judge Edward W. Woodman, of the Police Court here, has quit "the wicked weed" under orders of his physician.

Judge Woodman said today that since he began smoking he had used approximately 722,000 cigarettes. If they all were made in one roll he would have a cigarette thirty-four miles long, valued at \$7,227.

Judge Woodman said he was surprised to find that if he required ten minutes to smoke each cigarette he spent nearly fourteen years doing away with the 722,000 items in his record.

COAL QUEST FAILS

Shortage to Continue All Winter, Fear of Dealers.

There is no relief in sight this week from the coal shortage in Washington. This statement was made last night by a representative of the J. Maury Dove Coal Company, which supplies a number of government buildings.

Every effort is being made to avert a real famine, but so long as the coal shortage continues occupants of the latter buildings in the Capital will suffer. Hearing of the shortage of coal, many residents have increased their orders from one ton at a time to quantities sufficient for the winter.

It was believed in some quarters that the coal shortage would result in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal being pressed into service, but J. Maury Dove, Jr., last night said the canal management has its own contracts to fill and faces a labor shortage.

D. M. Fisher, freight agent for the B. & O. Railroad, said the coal problem probably would be a continuous one throughout the winter, as the car and labor shortage cannot be overcome.

One measure suggested is to increase freight car demurrage charges to a prohibitive rate.

Superintendent Thurston, of the public schools, has arranged to transfer coal from one school to another as needed. It is probable that the Board of Education will appeal to the Commissioners for funds for this work.

The entire South is feeling the effects of the shortage. Birmingham, in the heart of the South's largest coal field, is seriously threatened and many public institutions there close.

U. S. WIRELESS CENSORS RELIEVED FROM POSTS

Allowed Transmission of Unneutral Messages Is Charge.

Lieut. Charles S. Clarke, of the navy, has been relieved of duty as wireless censor at the Navy station. Lieut. S. K. Keep has likewise been relieved of duty at Siasconnet.

The removal of the two officers was due to the request of a foreign nation, unmentioned in the official report, and was based on charges that they had permitted the transmission of unneutral messages.

It was stated unofficially yesterday that the messages which led to the removal of the two officers related to the German submarine U-13.

The order for the reassignment of Lieut. Clarke was issued on October 13, five days after the U-13 was sunk. Several vessels, near the Nantucket Lightship. The date of Lieut. Keep's removal could not be learned at the Navy Department. A great effort has been made to keep the whole matter secret.

It is understood that the request for the removal of the two officers was received by the Navy Department from the State Department in such form that the Navy Department had no option but to grant it.

96 AND STILL PREACHING.

Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 29.—Rev. Benjamin Brunning, of Boone, Iowa, 96 years old, is the oldest minister in the United States in active charge of a pulpit for the Unitarian Church.

Rev. Mr. Brunning declares that he expects to be more than 100 years old.

Rev. Mr. Brunning was accompanied at the conference by his son, N. E. Brunning, of Boone, 71 years old, whom his father declared he still was able to take into the woodshed "and tan his hide."

MEXICAN PAPER DEFIANT.

Mexico City, Oct. 29.—El Universal, in commenting today on press dispatches on press dispatches saying Villa was in co-operation with various ex-patriated Mexicans and preparing to raid some frontier American towns to create further difficulties between the two governments, says that the Mexican government is resolved that the demand in its last note relative to preventing the Mexican forces from advancing a single foot farther into the country shall be observed.

RESCUES CHILD FROM PILOT.

La Crosse, Wis., Oct. 29.—Coon Valley residents are talking of applying for a Carnegie medal for Fireman Peter Hensgen, of the La Crosse and Southeastern. He was in a freight engine cab when he saw a child in the distance on the track.

He saw the child and the brakes were slow to grip. Hensgen climbed out along the footboard to the pilot, grasped the sleeping child with his free hand and lifted her from the track.

TOOK A RAILROAD STATION.

Passaic, N. J., Oct. 29.—Presenting a bogus order from the general office of the Erie Railroad Company at Jersey City, William Lancaster, 20 years old, of Central avenue, this city, gained entire possession of the Prospect Street Station of the Erie late yesterday and failed to get more than \$100 in a safe. Lancaster was arrested early today and admitted his guilt.

WOMEN WORKERS ORGANIZING.

Boston, Oct. 29.—A movement to organize women workers and also demanding more pay for them was started here last night by Miss Mabel Gillespie, graduate of Radcliffe and member of the State Minimum Wage Commission.

"Women are bound to organize soon," said Miss Gillespie. "Even the domestic workers will be compelled to form a union for mutual protection."

MOLTEN STREAM STRIKES FRENCH

Advance of Teutons Behind Liquid Fire Screen Fails.

(By the International News Service.)

Paris, Oct. 29.—Further successes for the French and British in local encounters along the Somme are announced officially tonight. This afternoon a furious German attack in the sector of La Maisonnette, south of the Somme, was broken up by the French fire.

The Teutons had concentrated large reserves and brought to the front a number of the giant pumps from which they direct streams of flaming liquids against the opposing trenches.

They advanced behind a perfect screen of liquid fire, but the well-directed fire of the French artillery not only broke up their molten curtain, but broke up the ranks of the crushing infantry. A hot machine gun fire poured into the Teuton columns from the French trenches completed the rout and the survivors hurriedly sought the cover of their own trenches.

Following gains Gen. Foch's troops during the night in the sectors of Sailly-Saillies, north of the Meuse, and Baches, south of the river, Gen. Haig's British forces this morning resumed their operations northeast of Les Boeufs. A new advance was registered.

During the day the Germans directed a heavy artillery fire against the British lines north of the Somme, while, on the Verdun front, they kept up their furious bombardment of the French on the Haumont-Douaumont sector.

314 ELECTORAL VOTES CLAIMED FOR HUGHES

Chairman Willcox Expresses Certainty of Victory.

New York, Oct. 29.—"The campaign is practically ended and there is nothing in it but the election of Hughes," said William R. Willcox, chairman of the Republican committee at Republican national headquarters here today. "When the votes are counted on the night of November 7 it will be found that at least 314 Hughes and Fairbanks electors have been chosen and it may be a considerable number more. I look for an old-time Republican victory. Everything points that way."

"Remember that this is a Republican country. There are more Republicans in it than there are Democrats. The Republicans outnumber the Democrats in normal times by more than a million. They outnumber the Democrats in many States, and the aggregate of the electoral votes of the sure Republican States is much greater than the aggregate of the electoral votes of the sure Democratic States."

"It is only when the Republican party is suffering from some untoward circumstances such as operated against it four years ago that the Democrats have any chance to win a national election in this country."

HURT CHASING CAT QUARTET.

Chicago, Oct. 29.—A "concert" by four cats in the back yard of her home was indirectly responsible for Mrs. Anne E. Bruns dislocating her left shoulder late last night. Mrs. Bruns was awakened by the quartet's nerve-racking "melodies," and in chasing the cats she stumbled over some rubbish in the yard.

GARLIC CROP WINS PRIZE.

Whittier, Cal., Oct. 29.—Hayes Keiser has shown the ranchers of this vicinity that there may be money in other crops than oranges, lemons and walnuts. For the young man has won the contest of the agriculture club for raising garlic. Keiser netted \$5 from a quarter of an acre of garlic. Gardening at this rate would show better than \$50 per acre.

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Aviation Held Chief Bulwark in War Time

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New York, Oct. 29.—Aviators are destined to be of greater value in time of war than the army and navy combined, Rear Admiral Robert N. Peary declared today in an address at Mount Morris Baptist Church.

Admiral Peary said France had as many aviators as there are soldiers in the United States and that the British fliers outnumbered enlisted men in the United States navy. He advocated a government department of aeronautics.

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 29.—Falling beneath the wheels of an ash wagon, Dennis Heaton, 35 years old, of 287 Ann street, was run over and killed.

Newport, R. I., Oct. 29.—Lieut. Col. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Mrs. Vanderbilt and their children, Miss Grace Vanderbilt and Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., have arrived from New York to pass a few days at Beaulieu, their villa.

Newport News, Va., Oct. 29.—The steamship William A. McKenny, sixth of a fleet of 300,000 tons, owned by the Crowell & Thurlow Steamship Company, of Boston, was launched here yesterday. All will steam under American register.

Newport, R. I., Oct. 29.—The steam yacht Alberta has returned from New York, where she was prepared for the proposed scientific expedition of Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Hamilton Rice and three members of the Royal Geographical Society to the Amazon.

Binghamton, N. Y., Oct. 29.—Twelve thousand employees of Endicott Johnson & Co., shoe manufacturers, yesterday celebrated with a parade the granting of an eight-hour day. The working day has been reduced from nine and one-half hours with no reduction in wages.

Keansburg, N. J., Oct. 29.—Mrs. Jane Johnson, 90 years old, who lived alone in a house in Granville Park, was burned to death Friday. Although blind, she insisted on having lighted lamps at night. It is thought she sought to place a lamp on a table and dropped it.

Haskell, N. Y., Oct. 29.—Harry Smallwood, of New York City, and Joseph Jarro, of Haskell, two of the seven men burned in a powder flare-up at the du Pont powder works here Friday, are dead. The other five are getting along all right and with the exception of Horace Charles Sully probably will recover.

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 29.—"Uncle Bill" Stevens, an eccentric character, sold his whiskers, the pride of his life, to a city official here for \$2, after he had been told that a true follower of Woodrow Wilson should be proud to have a "close shave" and should not wear the distinctive whiskers of Mr. Hughes.

Hillside, Ohio, Oct. 29.—Too young at 20 to retire, Professor John F. Downey has gone to reorganize and administer the department of mathematics in the University of Hanking, China. He is a recipient of the Carnegie Retirement Fund, and cannot take for pay, hence his work in China will be gratuitous.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 29.—Miss Rebecca Whiting Parran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Parran, was married to Lieut. Benjamin Flory Hope, Tenth Cavalry, U. S. A., coach of the Army football team and son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Hope, of Culver, Ind., at the home of the bride's parents yesterday.

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RUMANIANS BEAT BACK INVADERS

Three Repulses Reported Inflicted on Falkenhayn.

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London, Oct. 29.—The Rumanians, tenaciously defending their northern frontier, have inflicted three severe repulses on Von Falkenhayn's Austro-German armies.

They have recaptured the village of Livechi, north of Campolung, and on the direct road to Bucharest, taking 200 prisoners and five machine guns.

By a strong blow in the Alt Valley, farther to the west, they have driven the invaders back six and a half miles while in the valley of the Jiu the Austro-Germans who had reached Tirguiluf were defeated. The Rumanians at this point took 300 prisoners, two mountain howitzers and eleven machine guns. An official statement from Bucharest asserts that Rumanian troops are pursuing the Austro-Germans, who are withdrawing to the mountains.

The announcement of the Rumanian victories is made in an official statement issued by the Russian war office. Berlin makes no mention of the fighting in the Alt and Jiu valleys in the statement on Von Falkenhayn's operations made public today. Regarding the fighting south of Tomeser Pass, where the Teutonic armies are striking at Campolung, further advance is claimed despite strong Rumanian resistance.

Meanwhile in Dobruja the mad flight of the Russo-Rumanian armies continues. They already have retreated far north of Hiresova.

JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO CALL ON PRESIDENT

Viscount Saito Will Present His Credentials Today.

(By the International News Service.)

Asbury Park, N. J., Oct. 29.—Viscount Amano Saito, recently designated by the Mikado as Ambassador to the United States, will be received and present his credentials to President Wilson at Shadow Lawn tomorrow. The Japanese diplomat will be accompanied by Third Assistant Secretary of State William Phillips and an honorary escort of his own countrymen. The occasion will be marked by much ceremony.

Later in the day Mr. Wilson will receive President Watson and the executive committee of the National Association of Commissioners of Agriculture.

This morning Mr. and Mrs. Wilson surprised the natives by taking a long stroll on the boardwalk at Long Branch.

"Postscript" Charges Called Fictitious by Breckenridge

New York, Oct. 29.—Henry S. Breckenridge, former Assistant Secretary of War, today denounced the attack of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge on President Wilson as "beneath contempt." Mr. Breckenridge also characterized Senator Lodge's alleged informant as "a scoundrel."

The statement of the former Assistant Secretary of War is in the form of a letter which he sent to a Philadelphia newspaper, which called his attention to Senator Lodge's declaration that President Wilson had added an appendix to the "strict accountability" note to the effect that its contents were not to be taken seriously and that he suppressed it only after several members of the Cabinet had threatened to resign.

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